TO TEST INCOME TAX SUNDAY SCHOOL **FIVE SUITS BROUGHT**

All Reach the Supreme Court of the United States for Final Decision.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25,-Five separate suits to test the consti-tutionality of the new income tax were brought in the federal courts throughout the country soon after the law became effective and all found their way to the Supreme Court of the United States soon after.

For nearly fifty years the fight for and against a federal income tax has been somewhere in the courts.

The income tax imposed during the Civil war and the years immediately following were not attacked with the seriousness of later cases. It was not until the Cleveland administration placed an income tax in the Wilson tariff act that the fight became serious.

The contest over the validity of the tax in 1894 and 1895 before the supreme court was one of the most bitter ever fought out before that court. One of the lawyers, James C. Carter, warned the court against setting up its judgment to thwart the will of sixty million people. Joseph M. Choate, opposing, called upon the court to exercise its judicial power regardless of any popular or populistic propaganda.

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interest on municipal bonds. Only cight judges participated and they were evenity divided as to the validity of other features of the law. A rehearing was granted and Justice Jackson, then dying, took his place on the bench to listen to the last arguments in his lifetime. Justice Jackson voted to sustain the law. Justice Harlan created a sensation by announcing from the bench that another justice had changed his mind over night on the question, and the cutire tax, both as to reality and as to income from personalty was as to income from personalty was adirect tax and not apportioned according to population, as was required by the constitution of direct taxes.

An agitation for an amendment to the first great income tax decision on October 15, 1915, twenty years after the first great income tax decision.

ommended the enactment of an ex-cise tax on corporations to be meas-ured by their income and an amend-ment to the constitution to permit the levying of an income tax on all income. The amendment was sub-mitted to the states at once and was proclaimed as the sixteenth amend-ment to the constitution on March 1, 1913.

It provided:
"The Congress shall have power to
lay and collect taxes on incomes from
whatever source derived without ap-

whatever source derived without apportionment among the several states and without regard to any census or enumeration."

Congress availed itself of the first opportunity to exercise the new power by incorporating into the tariff act which became effective October 3, 1913, the present income tax. Five suits, all challenging the walldity of certain features of the tax were:

were: Frank R. Brushaber, stockholder

of the Union Pacific Railroad Com-pany, neeking in the New York fed-eral courts, to enjoin the company from paying the tax.

John R. Stanton, stockholder of the Balitc Mining Company, in the Massachusetts federal courts, to en-join the company and others from paying the tax, largely because of the five per cent annual deduction from income allowed mining compan-ies for ore depletion.

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An agitation for an amendment to the constitution then began. It came to nothing until President Taft recions.

STEAM LAUNDRY **CENSUS FIGURES**

As Just Made Public Show In- 41 to 35 in the number of proprie teresting Facts about That Industry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—A preliminary statement of the results of
the census of steam laundries in
West Virginia has been issued by Director Samuel L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of
Commerce. It consists of a summary
comparing the figures of 1909 and
1914, prepared under the direction
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Strictly speaking, laundries are not manufacturing establishments, but the laundry industry has grown so rapidly and become so important in recent years that an industrial census would not be complete without statistics regarding it. The statistics are confined to power laundries and do not include figures for hand laundries using no power. As a rule, establishments included were operated by steam power and are known as steam laundries. In some, however, steam and electric power are constituted in the control of the contr the faundry industry has grown so rapidly and become so important in yearny years that an industrial cent of the census singuity does not include faundries and on not include faures and an are known as steam laundries using no power. As hand in other selectic power is employed exclusively, steam and electric power is employed exclusively steam and steam power and the steam

There were 44 power laundries in West Virginia in 1914, of which 23 were in cities having an estimated population of 19,000 or more, as follows: Huntington 4. Charleston 3. Clarksburg 3. Fairmont 3. Parkersburg 3. The product of the establishment, was \$785,782 in 1914 and \$581,865 in 1909, the increase being \$203,917, or thirty-five per cent.

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Moundsville 1.

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Other News Items from Bridgeport Chronicled by Correspondent There.

BRIDGEPORT. Dec. 25.—"Santa's Advance Man" is the title of a cantata of unusual merit that was presented by members of the Methodist Protestant Sunday school in their church Christmas eve. The music was brilliant and the sattings attractive. Each part was mas eve. The music was brilliant and the settings attractive. Each part was rendered in a most excellent manner. Much credit is due Miss Dezzle Lawson as director and Miss Roxie Payne as planist as well as all participacts. Following is the cast of characters: Santa Claus. Hassell Lawson Sanny Jim. Santa's advance man.

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Otho Philips
Fairy queen Miss Erma Eaton
Marion Miss Beniah Golden
Glady's Miss Bessie Layman
James Charles Bartlett
Joe Charles Layman
Helen, a selfish girl

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ents added much to the joy of the

An excellent program was rendered by the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school in their church Saturday evening. Each number was one of merit. The pianists were Mrs. R. E. Peshak and Miss Dora Stout. Following is the program:

Song-"The Story of the Shepherds

Five Civilians and Injure Women and Children.

PARIS, Dec. 25, 3:40 p. m.—Two acroplanes, one of which was German, dropped four bombs on Scutari, Albania, on December 23, killing five civilians and injuring sixteen women and children, according to a Havas despatch from Cettinje. On the same day that the aerial attack occurred, adds the despatch, a submarine sank a Montenegrin ship with a cargo of live stock near St. Jean De Medua.

RIVER STAGES

WHEELING, Dec. 25.—River at dam 11.2 stationary; light snow. No de-

Parkersburg, 12 feet, stationary, Morgantown, 8 feet, stationary, rain. Oil City, 3 feet, falling, rain. Warren, 2.7 feet, falling, rain.

SASEBO-DAIREN CABLE. This cable has been repaired, restoring telegraphic communication between Japan and Tsing-Tau.

Are Assembling on Front at Monastir and May Attack Allied Troops Soon.

PARIS, Dec. 25, 6:20 p. m.—A Saloniki despatch to the Temps dated Friday says:

The situation is without modification. The Bulgarians remain at the frontier on Serbian territory. Trustworthy information announces a large concentration of troops, which may mean an offensive at an early date.

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"Bulgarians are assembling on the front comprising Monastir, Glovegell and Doiran. If an attack is begun against the Allies' position, it doubtless will be led simultaneously from the West by Monastir, from the center by the Vardar valley, and from the East by the valley of the Strumica.

"The entrenched camp of the An-gio-French forces at Saloniki is now

Is Charged against a Woman Who Preaches "Thou Shalt Not Kill" Even in War.

VILLA RELEASED

Under Bond of \$5,000 as a Result of Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

Song—"The Story of the Shepherds"—Choir.

Devotionals—Superintendent John Combs.

Vocal solo—"The Angel's Song—

Mrs. E. V. Osgerby.

Exercise—Primary class, Madeline Donohue, Elliott Thrasher, Thaymer Combs, Jenn'ngs Nichols, Franklin Bartlett, Junior Jones, Fred Martin and Walter Camp, Song—"Proclaim the Tidings"—Choir.

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Choir.

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Conice Combs, Vera Golden, Dorsie Hamrick and Lora Golden.
Vocal solo—"The Heavenly Stranser"—Miss Eva Graves, with violin obligation by Miss Leaders Stout.

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cessive. Following his realease Villa dended he was trying to leave the country when arraigned Wednesday night at San Antonio to avoid any possibility of being involved in difficulties inclinate to a change of government at Luarze.

In another part of the city, 3,000 homeless men were treated to a dinner provided by the same fund. The Prov-ident Association was host for 1,000 homeless, while a private citizen played as Santa Claus to 10,000 chil-

RESCUED

Is a Boat Load of Men from the British Freighter, Clan MacLeod, Submarined.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—The British steamship Lord Cromer arrived today from Calcutta, reporting the rescue of a boat load of men from the British freighter Clan Maclead, which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a sub-marine. The Lord Cromer picked up Captain Goodwin, of the MacLeod, who had been wounded by shells, and forty-eight members of the crew. were landed at Algiers. Another boat containing twenty of the MacLeod's men was missing at the time.

Captain Goodwin told officers of the Lord Cromer that his vessel, on admiralty business, was sunk by the submarine on November 30. The Clan MacLeod had been ordered to stop but the captain sent his ship full speed ahead and was shelled by the sub-marine until he signalled surrender ollow:
Davis Island Dam, 6.6 feet, falling;
ain.

Steubenville, 10.2 feet, stationary, jured.

ADDRESSES LABOR

LONDON, Dec. 25, 1:55 a. m.—
David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, addressed a meeting of some three thousand trade union officials and workshop stewards at Glasgow yesterday on the imperative need of dilution by skilled and unskilled labor.

NO NEARER OF

Of the Sinking of the Ancona Liner, Declares the Berlin Press.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 25, 8:15 p. n.—The Berlin papers to-day publish prominently the full text of the American note on the Ancona, Only the Tageblatt and Boersen Zeitung comment at any length. The Tageblatt says the note differs from the first to its ndvantage by the objective tone which preserves the forms customary in communications between nations.

"The question at issue," says the Tageblatt, "is not crought a stepnearer solution; the American government maintains its demand made on December 6. As a basis for this demand, however, it has recourse no longer to the somewhat scanty material furnished by naked assumptions and suppositions, which it was before based on, but on the report of the Austro-Hungarian charge d'affaires at Washington, which he presented the same day, which he presented the same day.

the Austro-Hungarian charge d' affaires at Washington, which he presented the same day the American ambassador at Vienna received the answer of Count Burian."

The TazePfatt says it must wait until it knows what this report contained before deciding whether it furnishes a better besis for he American demand than "the assumptions and suppositions on which the first note was based" and continues:

"In any event it remains a striking and unusual fact that the renewed demands were not emphasized by any threat or time limitation." any threat or time limitation.'

MANIFESTO

To Establish Close Commercial Relations with Germany Signed by Professors.

BERLIN, Dec. 25, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—The professors of Austrian universities, according to the Oversaes News Agency, have signed a manifesto asking the government to establish after the war permanent and close commercial relations with Germany.

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SETTLED

In Amicable Fashion is Trouble between the Bulgars and Greeks Now.

BERLIN, Dec. 25, (By wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—The Overseas News Agency gives out the following for publication:
"Sofia despatches say that the Bul-

gar-Greek incident has already ter-minated in amicable fashion. The Bulgarian government insisted upon its desire to maintain friendly relations with Greece, and repeated its instructions to the Bulgarian troops to avoid any complication. The com-mander of Greek forces at Lesnitza, where the trouble between the Greeks and Bulgarians occurred has and admitted in a letter that it was caused by a Greek mistake."

FINE GIFT.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 25.— Minneapolis General Electric Company presented its patrons with a Christmas gift today in the form of a 5.55 per cent reduction in lighting rates.

FRESH PEARS.

(By Associated Press.)
HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 25.—
Fresh pears, the second crop of
the season, is a unique dish ap-The fruit is claimed to be of better quality than the first crop.

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Christmas night.

Mrs. Walter B. Wilson and children went to Fairmont Friday evening to spend Christmas with Mrs. Wilson and tanily on Columbia street. Mr. Wilson went down Christmas morning. P. H. Shields also spent the day with Mrs. Wilson, bis mother.

H. O. Phillips, of Blacksville visitor here.



We believe the last work in comfort, style and service is combined in all our models of the May Manton Shoe for women. Yet they are reasonable priced at \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 the pair.

For these reasons, May Mantons are becoming more popular each day.

Now that wet weather is at hand, let us fill your needs in Rubber goods. A complete line of rubbers and over shoes is at your service.

Spears Shoe Co. **Fourth Street**

Suspected Highwaymen Are Caught at Grafton

years old, etnel McChesney, 17
years old, of Avoca, and Benjamin Harrison, 20 years old,
of Corning, were killed today by
a Delaware, Lackawanna and
Western freight train at the Avoca station. The young women went to the station to meet Harrison who was to be their Christmas guest.

BULGARS CONFIDENT

Germany's Economic Life Will Be Able to Stand the Test of War to the End.

MAYOR NAMED

For Town of Juarez and He is to Appoint a Police Force of 100 Men.

EL PASO, Dec. 25.—Foundation of a new civil government was laid today in Juarez, the recently surrendered Villa town across the border, by the appointment of Manuel Prieto as may

or. He has been authorized to establish a police force of 100 men.

General Jose Ysabel Robles, Carranza's agent for mustering out Villa more to spend the holidays with relaforces, spent part of the day in Juarez, going over the rolls of the Villa military organizations. General Obregon and Calles conferred upon plans for a campaign against Zapata in the state of Morelos.

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It is expected that with the arrival of 3,000 troops from Agua Prieta tomorrow General Obregon and his staff will cross the international bridge and begin active work of mustering out the Villa forces in Chihuahua.

Mrs. George T. Porter, of Washington, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Richard T. Lowndes.

Louis A. Johnson is visiting relatives at Roanoke, Va., during the holiday season. the Villa forces in Chihuahua.

SHOT AND KILLED

SAN FRANCISCO. Dec. 25.—
Wong Yuen Yung, former editor of the Asiatic News, a newspaper published at Shanghai, China, as the official organ of the Chinese favoring a return to the monarchial form of government, was shot in the head. government, was shot in the back and killed while attending a Chinese Christmas banquet here tonight. The assassin escaped.

Cadet Francis Gibson spent Christmas with relatives here and returned to the Annapolis Naval Academy Christmas night.

to the county jail here from the Gratton city jail to be tried on charges of holding up and robbing J. W. Jenes, a deaf and dumb man of Newburg, of \$95 in money Friday evening in a dark alley near the Baltimore and Ohio railroad freight depot here. The men had been arrested by here. The men had been arrested by Grafton police shortly after their descriptions were telephoned to that city by the Clarksburg police department with a request for their appre

hension. The victim of the hold-up came to Clarksburg Friday for the purpose of Clarksburg Friday for the purpose of doing some Christmas shopping. He is a mining machine operator employed in a coal mine at Newburg. He told local police immediately atter the hold-up that the negroes followed him into the alley, felled him with a blow, took his money and ran. O. D. McCloud, city policeman, recalled that he saw two negroes answering the descriptions given by canted that he saw two negroes an-swering the descriptions given by Jones boarding a train for Grafton at the local railroad station soon af-ter the robbery and the telephone message was sent to the Grafton po-

lice as a result.

Mr. McCloud swore out John Dos warrants for the negrous in Mag - trate R. Edward Kidd's court and these were taken to Grafton by Dep-uty Sheriff Vannort.

PERSONALS

Newton Hyde, of Boston, Miss., and George Bearrie, of Winchester, Va., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. narles Hart.

Juilan Wilson, midshipman at the

Annapolis Naval Academy, spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Wilson, returning to Annapolis the same night. Miss Lillian Russell Webb has returned home from Cumberland and Baltimore, where she had been visit-ig friends and relatives several

Mrs. R. A. Lanham, of Cumberland, Md., is a guest of Mrs. J. R. Webb, of

L. C. Hansford, Francis Hansford, Miss Susie Stealey and Miss Mary Hansford are at Lancaster, O., spend-ing the holidays with Miss Hansford's